(a) whether France has shown interest in intensifying cooperation with India in the field of aviation and space; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) No, Sir; there is no special development in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

O.A.U. Delegation's Visit to India

2760. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of the Organisation of the African Unity recently visited India;

(b) if so, what are the names and status of the leader and members of visiting delegation and the details of the discussions held with their Indian counterparts and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government of India propose to send a delegation to OAU Headquarters on reciprocal basis; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delegation consisted of 5 members, details of which are attached as per statement below. Various issues of mutual interest were discussed. The Delegation also called on the Prime Minister and the Minister of State for External Affairs. At the conclusion of the visit, Government issued a statement reiterating its policy of support to liberation movements and endorsing the position of the Frontline States on Southern Africa spelt out during their meeting at Arusha on 29-4-1984.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration to send a delegation to OAU Headquarters on reciprocal basis.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Composition of OAU Liberation Committee Delegation which visited New Delhi in July, 1984

(1) Mr. Venancio Da Silva Moura, Vice Minister for External Affairs of the People's Republic of Angola.

(2) Mr. A. N. Chimuka, Assistant Secretary General (Adm.), OAU General Secretariat, Addis Ababa.

(3) Ambassador Laban Oyaka, Assistant Executive Secretary (Political Affairs, Information and Defence), Executive Secretariat, OAU Liberation Committee, Dar-es-Salaam.

(4) Mr. Carlos Alberto Grongel, Chief of Cabinet, Minister for External Affairs, People's Republic of Angola.

(5) Mr. Manuel Bravo, Official Africa Department, Ministry of External Affairs, People's Republic of Angola.

Assault by Malaysian Police on Tamil Youths

2761. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some Tamil youths/students were assaulted by the Malaysian Police at Port Klang Nabou;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incident;

(c) what immediate action has been taken by the Indian High Commission at Kuala Lumpur;

(d) whether any report was submitted to the External Affairs Minis-

try by the High Commission in this regard, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any protest was lodged with the Malaysian Government; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) and (b) According to a Press report appearing in Malaysia date-lined May 21, 1984, two students from India who were reportedly from Tamil Nadu claimed that they were slapped by the officers of the Port Kelang Immigration Lock-up. On 22nd May, 1984 the Immigration Department published a Press statement saying that they would investigate the allegations made by the two Indian students. Subsequently, on 2nd June, 1984, the Immigration Department totally denied the allegations. According to them, the two persons were not students but farmers by profession and their international passports showed that they never went back to India after their arrival in Malaysia on July 2, 1982. They had been travelling to Padang Besar in Thailand every six months in order to renew their visa and they were working in a shop and were caught red-handed by the Enforcement staff of the Immigration Department. According to published reports, the authorities concluded that the two Indian nationals were contravening local immigration laws and had been in Malaysia since July, 1982.

(c) The High Commission of India sent a note verbale to the Malaysian Foreign Office on May 22, 1984, requesting them for information on the reported incident and the results of the investigation carried out by the concerned authorities. While the above mentioned reports have appeared in the Press, the Malaysian Government have not yet sent a formal reply to our High Commission's note.

(d) No, Sir. The High Commission is awaiting a formal reply from the Malaysian Foreign Office.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) As mentioned in para (d) above, the facts have yet to be established.

Visa Regulations for Commonwealth Citizens

2762. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced full visa regulations for entry into and exist from India in respect of Commonwealth citizens which were earlier not applicable to them;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure that no hardship is caused to those foreigners who happened to be in India before the introduction of the said visa regulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b) Till the middle of June, 1984, citizens of Commonwealth countries and of Ireland were exempted from obtaining visas for entry into India unless they were coming for or in connection with missionary work. The Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950 and the Registration of Foreigners (Exemption) Order, 1957 have been amended on 13th and 16th June, 1984 to cover such citizens of all categories under the visa system and also to provide for their registration in case the intended duration of stay in India exceeds ninety days. (Citizens of Sri Lanka